### 138. Desirability of raising the St. Mary's Secondary School at Alwaye to the Sixth Form standard and of abolishing the local Government school.

*Mr. N. Atchuthan Pillai* (Member, T. I. C., Alwaye) said that his prayer was that the St. Mary's Secondary School should be raised to the Sixth Form standard. If the prayer be sanctioned, there would not be any necessity for a departmental school at Alwaye.

*Dewan.*—It has already been settled to abolish the Sirkar school from the beginning of the next school-year and to open a new lower grade secondary school instead at Edappalli. As regards the raising of the standard of the St. Mary's school, orders have been issued to the Director to permit the opening of Form V in the school with the beginning of the next school-year. The question of opening Form VI will be considered next year.

*Member.*—The building in which the departmental secondary school is now held should be given for the location of the girls' school, for which there is not sufficient accommodation in the rented building.

*Dewan.*—It has been decided to transfer the higher grade elementary school for boys to the secondary school building. The former is at present located in a very bad place.

The Member then suggested that the hospital might be shifted to the vacant Taluk Cutcherry buildings at Alangad, the higher grade elementary school located in the hospital buildings and the girls' school in the secondary school building.

*Dewan's reply.*—Noted.

## VIII.—RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

### 139. Devaswoms in Travancore.

*Mr. Devan Krishnaru* (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) said that the general impression was that, by the re-organisation of Devaswoms, a larger expenditure was incurred by Government.

*Dewan.*—It is not a fact. The Devaswoms of Varkala, Valiachala and Ambalapuzha were re-organised recently and, in all these cases, the expenditure has been less after the re-organisation.

The Member then said that the re-organisation should not also mean curtailment of expenditure alone. There were certain items connected with the temples which ought not to be curtailed. At least three-fourths of the allotment before the re-organisation should be sanctioned in the revised pathivus. He also suggested that if the re-organisations were effected with the advice of a committee, the results would be much better.

*Dewan's reply.*—As a matter of fact these re-organisations are not effected with the sole purpose of curtailing the expenditure on Devaswoms. I am satisfied that, in the case of those Devaswoms which have been re-organised, the *nityanidanam* and the like have very much improved. No curtailment has been effected in respect of *akathepaditharam*. If, by experience, it is found that the allotment under any necessary item is not sufficient or that any items have been omitted, Government are prepared to revise the pathivu whenever they are brought to their notice.

### 140. Need for the adoption of a liberal policy in regard to Devaswoms.

*Mr. Narayanar Janardanar* (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) said that, in the revision of pathivus of Devaswoms, the expenditure on account of *purathepaditharam* should alone be curtailed, but the *akathepaditharam* should be maintained intact.

He suggested that, if Malayala Brahmins were employed to posts attached to the Devaswoms, they would take better interest in the management of the pooja and other ceremonies within the temple and would effect a better supervision than people of other castes.

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